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Salaries, tuition to rise

DANIEL PERSON

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Tuition at the University of Montana may rise almost 11 percent between 2008 and 2009 when students are set to bear the brunt of statewide pay raises in the university system and other rising costs, according to a budget analysis presented at the Board of Regents meeting Wednesday.

At UM, salaries and benefits for employees are set to increase by \$10 million between 2008 and 2009. The tuition increase will cost a full-time, in-state student an

extra \$648 over the two years, according to a report at the meeting.

Among other increasing costs are utility costs.

Bob Durringer, UM vice president for administration and finance, said students will shoulder most of the cost increases because of the lack of state funding.

Indeed, the state is set to pay a third of the cost increases, leaving students to pay the remaining bill.

Coinciding with this analysis

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Regents hold off on investigation

DANIEL PERSON

MONTANA KAIMIN

The Board of Regents decided Wednesday it will not immediately investigate how the University of Montana used nearly \$2 million in grant money, instead allowing the state to complete a broader look at research programs that is already underway.

However, the audit is not a replacement for an investigation, Regent John Mercer said, but rather a guide for what aspects of the programs they should look into.

“We think this gives us a big

jump start,” Mercer said.

At question is a grant UM received from NASA and the seemingly little fruit the grant bore as well as the conduct of a former UM vice president that helped secure the grant.

The vice president, T. Lloyd Chesnut, has since left UM, but his actions at UM have come under scrutiny after he resigned from a position at the University of North Texas amid accusations of financial impropriety there. A UM investigation exonerated Chesnut, but Mercer said questions still remain with regard to Chesnut’s management of the

NASA grant.

Chesnut had numerous connections to the grant, which was used to create the Northern Rockies Center for Space Privatization.

After helping secure the money, a former employee of Chesnut’s took charge of the Inland Northwest Space Alliance, a partner of the Northern Rockies Center for Space Privatization. Chesnut himself sat on the board of directors of INSA, and his wife was hired as the business manager, earning a total of \$104,000.

In a letter Monday, Montana

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ASUM balks on Coke decision after protest



Amanda Determan/Montana Kaimin

ASUM senator Casey Hogue discusses whether ASUM can afford to grant the UM Good Health Whole Food Group the \$952.50 they need to host a special public speaker on campus. After much debate ASUM granted the request of the student group.

TY HAMPTON

MONTANA KAIMIN

A group of thirty students advocating a suspension of the University of Montana’s contract with Coca-Cola made their voices heard before ASUM Wednesday night.

Senator Jake Pipinich wrote a resolution for ASUM to support UM Vice President for administration and finance Robert Durringer’s plan for alternative sources of revenue generation, adding that the Coca-Cola contract is “less intrusive” to students than the proposed retirement home that ASUM opposed in 2005.

The Anti-Coke student group, formerly known as the Community Action for Justice in the Americas or CAJA, is currently changing its title as they become an official university group. The group strongly opposed the ASUM resolution, as they pushed for ASUM to deny support of the contract as a whole by suspending it until information from an independent investigation of the Coca-Cola Company and its human rights violations towards Columbian workers can be confirmed.

“We are not against alternative revenue sources, but we want ethical, responsible sources to be chosen for the alternative revenue and the allegations against Coke are so strong that it can not be one,” student Jay Bostrom said.

Universities such as New York University, the University of Michigan and 12 others have terminated or suspended their exclusive contracts with Coke since 2003 and a group of UM students feels it’s necessary for this university to follow in those footsteps.

“By selling our name to corporations like Nike and Coke, we are compromising our school’s identity by

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Teenager trampled by deer upgraded to fair condition

DANNY BOBBE

MONTANA KAIMIN

Two days after being trampled by a deer outside of the Adams Center, the medical condition of an 18-year-old woman had been upgraded to fair, but she was still under close watch at St. Patrick Hospital Wednesday night.

Caroline Gunstream was rushed by ambulance to the emergency room after the deer, apparently spooked by people and cars, collided with her while she was leav-

ing the Grizzly men’s basketball game at about 9 p.m. Monday.

Earlier on Wednesday, Gunstream, a Hellgate High School student, was in serious condition.

The accident caused a skull fracture and slight bleeding on the outside of her brain, according to an article in the Missoulian.

The family of Gunstream could not be reached for comment.

Capt. Jim Lemcke of the Office of Public Safety said his staff has no official policy on how to deal with wildlife on campus.

“I’m not sure there is a lot you can do

unless you address the whole urban deer population,” he said. “That’s not normal for a deer to run into people.”

The report filed by the officer on the scene did not state whether the deer was a buck or a doe.

Deer are common around town because nutritious food is more plentiful, said Dan Pletscher, the director of the Wildlife Biology Program at UM.

Even in winter, lawns that have been watered and fertilized provide a better meal than what deer can find in the hills, Pletscher said.

Urban deer can cause damage to gardens and disturb traffic, which could result in an accident, Pletscher said. Deer can be crazy when they’re rutting, or in their mating season. Pletscher said that a paperboy in Helena had to hide under a car after being threatened by a group of deer in such a condition.

The accident, however, was uncommon. It is unusual for deer to become violent or cause harm, Pletscher said.

“Wildlife and deer are not dangerous; no one needs to go around fearing deer,” Pletscher said.

EDITORIAL**Mardi Gras' topless traditions show lack of self-respect**

Women have what all men want: boobs. Big, small, round or pointy – if she has them, a man wants to see them. It's one of the glorious aspects of being a female. The problem with possessing something so unobtainable is that many women don't make it all that sacred anymore.

Fat Tuesday in Missoula proved this.

During Mardi Gras, women are traditionally encouraged to expose their ta-tas in order to receive colorful, shiny necklaces, also known as less-than-25-cent plastic beads. The object of the boob-flashing game is to receive as many beads as possible, and then you are considered the queen of Mardi Gras. The more times you flip your shirt up and jump around, the more plastic, shiny things you will hang around your neck.

In Missoula, bars held competitions like "Miss Bacardi," table-dancing contests and wet T-shirt contests. Once the drunk souls stepped onto the bar table, they transformed into the sort of sleazy, low-paid strippers you might find at your local champagne room.

And before you knew it, these women began unbuttoning their blouses and started shimmying topless. The dancer who shares her racks of lamb long enough to satisfy the hollering mongrels will win a sequined, snappable crown she can wear all night to impress the other partygoers.

Women everywhere are becoming more comfortable with revealing just about anything, but boobs are definitely a favorite item to show off. Don't women try to keep anything a secret anymore? Mardi Gras here doesn't seem to be any different than a Monday night at Hammer Jacks. Any excuse to show off Bianca and Betty seems like a good idea these days.

And Fat Tuesday in Missoula? New Orleans is about 2,280 miles away from Missoula; maybe the pups should stay inside tonight.

Mardi Gras is only going to be another block sitting in the way of a woman's long road to receiving the same respect that a man gets in society. Hillary Clinton wouldn't stand a chance in office if her fun times in college included dancing topless on top of a pool table while making out with her college roommate, Tiffany.

Self-respect is key to solving the boob problem. If you have even a little bit of it, just keep the shirt down.

Showing a bit of cleavage isn't a bad thing. Classy will always be better. The Amish look will never be as sexy as Abercrombie & Fitch, but trying to duplicate Pam Anderson's sex video in public really won't make it, either.

Women need to get some courage and not fall to the standards that society stereotypes them for.

Have some respect for yourself, and maybe other people will, too.

— Ashley McKee, photo editor

FROM THE HIGH HORSE**The Real Best of Missoula**

CHRISTOPHER LILLY

FOR THE KAIMIN

Last week the Missoula Independent published their annual "Best of Missoula" list, a yearly feature that engenders friendly competition among everything from restaurants to radio personalities. Winners in the varied categories are as excited about winning the award as they are about the future-success possibilities such a distinction carries. Still, nobody cares which place makes the best couscous and hummus falafel or who sells the most colorful Dendrobium Orchid, because the *Real Best* of Missoula is here.

BEST STRIP CLUB

Hands down – get those singles out for the strip club formerly known as The Moulin Rouge, **Fox Club** off Brooks. The place is just sleazy enough to keep you excited while still featuring girls with the minimal amount of missing teeth and stretch marks that makes runner-up **Fred's Lounge** (I-90 exit 96) so entertaining.

BEST HANGOVER/DRUNK FOOD

The big stack seal of approval goes to the way **Paul's Pancake Parlor** (Tremper's Shopping Center) soaks up a night of Jäger-bombs, while downtown at **The Oxford** the wait staff will be happy to serve a mean burger and fries with enough grease to clog even Lance Armstrong's arteries. However, the oasis that the mythical **Pizza on the Fly** (Bus Transfer Station during bar hours) delivers is the taste that makes it the clear winner.

BEST PLACE TO SHOPLIFT

In first place, the ease of absconding with a Red Bull and burrito from under the gaze of the lackadaisical staff at the **UC Market** makes even the most unskilled rube a master thief. In an unusual second-place choice, **Sean Kelly's** has been providing beer cups and bar chairs to student apartments for years. Other write-ins include the chip line at **Quizno's Subs**.

BEST PLACE TO WATCH CHRIS LILLY GET PUNCHED IN THE HEAD

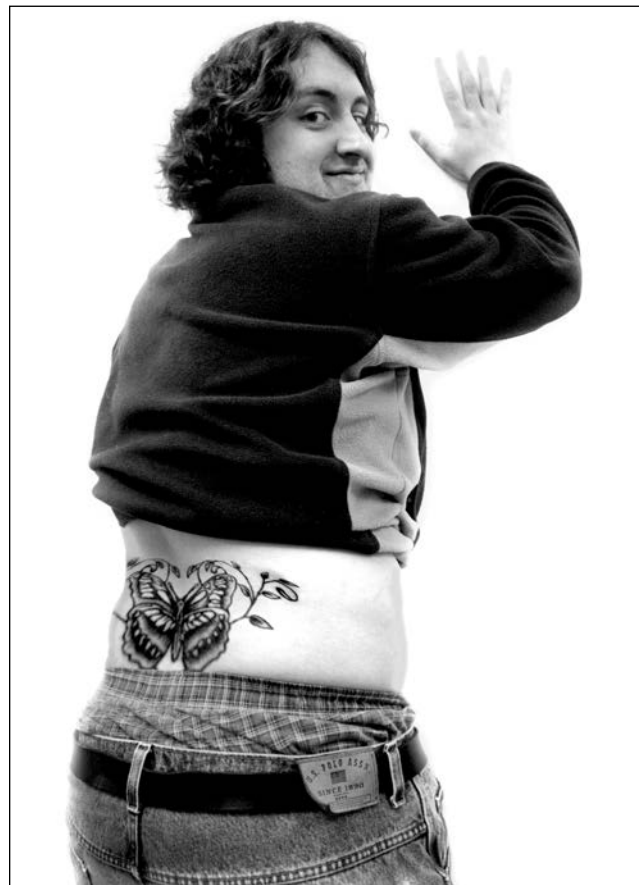
Naturally, **Behind Stockman's Bar** is a popular choice for curly-haired smart-asses to get what's coming to them, but tied for first this year was the **UC Theater** (last November) and **The Lumberjack** in Lolo (quite likely this weekend).

BEST PLACE TO NOT GET CARDED

In first place, **G_zzly Gro_ery** off Hig_ ns Avenue has been the staple of many thirsty Grizzlies since freshman year. If you're going out and looking to meet fascinating people and engage yourself in intriguing conversations of substance in a laid-back atmosphere with short drink lines and no sticky floors, then head to the **Bo_ega, H_mmer Ja_ks** and **St_ckman's** triangle of sophistication and slip the bouncers a five with your fake ID and have yourself a relaxing evening.

BEST OVERRATED SANDWICH

A confusing category, but the "winners" can really carry the distinction of parlaying themselves as a provider of quality food at reasonable prices when they actually fall way short. **The Staggering Ox** has a sandwich that Maxim magazine rated in the top three in the nation, but this beehive-looking overpriced and under-filling disappointment would get turned down by even the hungriest in Kosovo. **The Pickle Barrel** has cut back on meat and increased prices, garnering them second place in this battle of ripping off the very people that gave your restaurant success.

**BEST WAY MISSOULA MAKES YOU SO DEPRESSED YOU WANT TO JUMP IN FRONT OF A SPEEDING TRAIN**

The Fucking Inversion, which leaves Missoula depressed and overweight because of the lack of sun that lasts for weeks at a time takes first this year. However, **Seeing the Adorable but Melancholy Puppies at Petland Clinging to Their Last Ounce of Dignity Behind a Glass Prison Wall** surely should have taken first this year.

BEST IRRESPONSIBLE/AWESOME EVENT

Nudity. Making out. Vomiting. Urinating. Throwing beer on complete strangers. All this and more within 15 feet of each other make the rugby revelry of the triple-digit kegger **Maggotfest** the sweetest shit-show of them all. In second place, every November UM and MSU throw down a good ole Montana 3-day binger+Football game with **Griz-Cat Weekend**. Holding down a strong third is the Rocky Mountain Oyster festivities that **The Testicle Festival** in Clinton provides—if you're into seeing scores of women your great-aunt's age flash you their anything-but-perky breasts while you try not to black out, that is.

BEST PLACE TO PROMENADE YOURSELF NEEDLESSLY

In case you haven't noticed, Missoula is full of parks and trees, but for some reason certain people need to get noticed **Rope-Walking Between Trees in the Middle of Campus** because apparently it's the only place where this can be accomplished. Runner-up goes to the fire-and-brimstone **Hate-Preaching Douchebags** that let us all know why we're going to hell with their sermons between the library and the UC.

BEST SECRET PLACE ON CAMPUS FOR "THE DEUCE"

In a three-way tie to secure their relative anonymity, the locations of do-or-die situations follow in no particular order. Students selected **McGill Hall** for its spacious cleanliness, **Brantly Hall** was selected for its relative obscurity and calm atmosphere and finally, **Library Floors 1 and 5** bring up the anchor and bring the 2006 Real Best of Missoula to a close.

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- 1 Rustic hotels
 - 5 Sacred poem
 - 10 Fifty percent
 - 14 Carbon black
 - 15 Jetsons' maid
 - 16 ____ vera
 - 17 JPL partner
 - 18 Mary-Kate or Ashley
 - 19 S.E. Asian country
 - 20 Treatments for disabilities
 - 22 Submerges
 - 23 Put up
 - 24 Rummy
 - 25 Golf score
 - 28 Lilly or Whitney
 - 29 Pull out all the stops
 - 33 Worrier's word
 - 35 Made way
 - 37 Stellar blasts
 - 39 Feedbag tidbit
 - 40 Basmati and brown
 - 41 Robert Redford movie
 - 44 32-card game
 - 45 Stable seats
 - 46 Vegas opening?
 - 48 Slightly shift
 - 49 "____ Gotta Be Me"
 - 50 Underground excavations
 - 52 Alan Ladd classic
 - 55 Jelled
 - 59 Top-drawer
 - 60 "Water Lilies" painter
 - 61 Togo's capital
 - 62 Berry and Griffey
 - 63 Choice of conjunctions
 - 64 Large volume
 - 65 Fateful day
 - 66 Showy bloom
 - 67 Restaurant rating unit
- DOWN
- 1 "Say it ____ so!"
 - 2 Ark man
 - 3 Cyrano's feature
 - 4 Gape
 - 5 Causes to move onward
 - 6 Thoughtfully concerned
 - 7 Black-ink item
 - 8 Prevarications
 - 9 Boyz II ____
 - 10 Bad breath
 - 11 Hale or King
 - 12 Appearance
 - 13 ____ up (admit)
 - 21 Exist
 - 22 As yet
 - 24 Instant lawn
 - 25 Slacks
 - 26 Ciao on Kauai
 - 27 Spoke wildly
 - 29 Advanced a trace
 - 30 Barry and Nelson
 - 31 Model of excellence
 - 32 Cantankerous
 - 34 Beach quality
 - 36 Sculling pole
 - 38 Soothing ointment
 - 42 Peg for a golfer
 - 43 The Jersey Lily
 - 47 Comprehend
 - 50 "____ Cane"
 - 51 Epsom ____
 - 52 H.H. Munro in print
 - 53 Tilled soil
 - 54 Meara or Archer
 - 55 Traffic diverter
 - 56 Booty
 - 57 Madame Bovary
 - 58 Doe or stag
 - 60 Atlas page

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A different kind of trash-collector

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In Great Britain it's called skip-ping. Others prefer urban hunting-gathering. Scavenging, rummaging and trashing are also common terms, but they all mean the same thing: Dumpster-diving.

For many, the words Dumpster-diving call to mind images of viscous, unidentifiable goop hanging off maggot-infested burgers. For others, however, they evoke memories of free feasts and cornucopias of used – but still useful – household items.

Whatever you think of the practice, it is a global phenomenon that enjoys an underground popularity right here in Missoula. Who knows how much of the food at your last potluck came straight from a Dumpster?

The things Missoula Dumpsterers have found read like a shopping list. Microwavable popcorn, green peppers, TVs, speakers, radios, strawberries, picture frames, cookbooks, clothing and bicycles are a few of the many items ticked off by area Dumpster-divers.

"I found a whole pineapple once," said Jack Minnich, shop coordinator for Missoula Free Cycles. "It was perfectly ripe."

Minnich doesn't consider himself an active Dumpsterer. He thinks of it more as a rite of passage.

"It's an experience. You've got to eat out of a garbage can at least once in your life."

Some of the Dumpsterers interviewed said that personal beliefs motivate their actions. They most often cited over-consumption and other environmental problems.

Dumpstering attracted University of Montana sophomore Claire Rasmussen because of her desire to practice sustainable consumption.

"Most Americans don't live a sustainable lifestyle, and a lot of that has to do with what we eat," Rasmussen said. "If you can eat something that would have been wasted, you not only prevent waste, but you don't create additional demand."

Minnich sees a parallel between Dumpstering and Missoula Free Cycles, a shop that lets people build

bikes from discarded parts.

"We're both just making the most of what we've got," he said. "It's sort of like recycling."

Senior Andy Erickson said he Dumpsterers because it cuts down on waste. Yet, as much as he likes to limit waste, there are still some things Erickson won't scavenge.

"I rarely Dumpster for food," he said. "Some things were thrown away for a reason."

However, not every Dumpsterer is in it to save the world. The practice draws Nick, a UM senior, because of the low price.

"I could certainly afford all the stuff I get Dumpstering, but why not just take it out of a Dumpster?" he asked.

As to the legal status of Dumpstering, Andrew Scott, Missoula's deputy city attorney, said that it's "generally OK."

"It depends on what you're going to do with what you get," he said. Scott cited identity theft and stealing credit card numbers as clear examples of when Dumpstering crosses the legal line.

"There's no assumption of protection or privacy (for trash)," Scott said. "You don't need a search warrant to go through garbage."

Whatever its legal status, there are still many with serious qualms about Dumpstering.

Sue Thompson, owner of Bagels on Broadway, has had trouble with Dumpsterers in the past and is unambiguous about what she thinks of the practice.

"It's theft," she said. "It's my product that I've paid for, and it's not free for the taking."

Thompson worries that the Dumpstering of her bagels cuts into her sales.

"No one will come in if people are getting (bagels) for free," she said.

Because of the clandestine nature of Dumpstering, it's difficult to come by hard data on how widespread it is. However, the practice seems alive and well in Missoula. As long as there are useful things in Dumpsters, there will probably be people willing to take them out.

As Rasmussen put it, "It's just amazing what people throw away."

National & world news in brief

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Bush makes surprise visit to Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) – In a surprise visit under extraordinary security, President Bush expressed unwavering confidence Wednesday that Osama bin Laden will be captured despite years of fruitless man-hunts for the elusive terrorist leader who ran training camps in Afghanistan and plotted the deadly attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Bush ordered Air Force One, on a flight to India, to make a secret detour to this war-scarred country to show U.S. support for the fledgling democracy led by President Hamid Karzai, whose authority has been weakened by suicide bombings and rising violence by insurgents.

There are more than 18,000 U.S. forces in Afghanistan, and Bush said their mission was "to help this new democracy not only survive but to flourish."

The president, who once boasted bin Laden would be taken "dead or alive," said the fugitive terrorist would not elude the United States forever. Bin Laden and Taliban leader Mullah Omar were driven into hiding by the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan after 9/11. They are believed to be in the rugged Pakistan-Afghan border region.

Iraqi leaders agree to seek new prime minister

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) – Key political groups agreed Wednesday to mount a campaign to deny Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari another term in a bid to jump-start stalled talks on a new national unity government.

Meanwhile, at least 47 people died in bombings and shootings across the country. In the deadliest attack, a car bomb exploded near a market and traffic police office in a mostly Shiite neighborhood in southeast Baghdad, killing 29 people and wounding 67, the Interior Ministry said.

The move against al-Jaafari is expected to draw sharp opposition from the anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. The fire-brand Shiite leader's support enabled al-Jaafari to win the nomination over Vice President Adil Abdul-Mahdi by a single vote in a Feb. 12 caucus of Shiites elected to the new parliament Dec. 15.

Al-Sadr's militiamen were believed behind many of the attacks against Sunni mosques last week, and the prospect of a

prime minister in debt to the young radical has alarmed mainstream politicians, including some in the Shiite alliance.

Supreme Court tackles political boundary case

WASHINGTON (AP) – A key Supreme Court justice said Wednesday that Texas Republicans appeared to hurt minority voters when they redrew congressional boundaries that helped the GOP entrench its power in Congress.

But despite Justice Anthony M. Kennedy's misgivings, it did not appear there was broad support on the high court to throw out the entire map promoted by former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas to help Republicans win six more seats.

Justices also did not seem ready to bar states from drawing their boundaries more than once a decade.

The court took up four appeals that raised complicated questions about voter rights both under the Constitution and federal election law.

The practical impact of the ruling, expected before July, is significant.

"The fate of who controls the House of Representatives could lie with this decision," said Nathaniel Persily, a law professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

Texas Republicans shifted congressional district boundaries enough in 2003 that 8 million people – including large blocks of Hispanics – were placed in new districts, represented by different U.S. House members, justices were told.

Saddam admits ordering trial of Shiites who were executed

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) – Saddam Hussein said in a defiant courtroom confession Wednesday that he ordered the trial of 148 Shiites who were later executed, and arranged for the flattening of their palm groves and farms. But he insisted he had the right to do so because

they were suspected of trying to kill him.

"Where is the crime? Where is the crime?" Saddam asked. "If trying a suspect accused of shooting at a head of state – no matter what his name is – is considered a crime, then you have the head of state in your hands. Try him."

The dramatic speech came a day after prosecutors presented the most direct evidence against him in the four-month trial: a 1984 presidential decree approving the death sentences for the 148, with a signature said to be Saddam's.

Saddam did not admit or deny approving their executions, but stated outright that he was solely responsible for their prosecution, adding that his seven co-defendants should be released.

Prison riots in Jordan raise new concern about rising sympathy for al-Qaida

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) – Inmates rioted at three Jordanian prisons Wednesday over the fates of two convicted al-Qaida killers and a would-be suicide bomber, raising new concern about increasing sympathy for the terror network in Mideast prisons.

The prisoners took a high-ranking official hostage and injured several other police before the 14-hour standoff ended without major bloodshed.

Jordan later announced that it had arrested two Iraqi men and a would-be Libyan suicide bomber who belonged to al-Qaida and plotted an attack on an unspecified "vital civilian facility" in the capital, Amman.

While no details were given to link the riots and the arrests, they indicated Osama bin Laden's terror network may be finding fertile recruiting grounds in pro-U.S. Jordan and elsewhere in the region.

The prison riots in Jordan came less than a month after 23 al-Qaida convicts tunneled out of a high-security jail in Yemen. They included a man convicted of the deadly 2000 attack on the USS Cole.

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Pub Crawlers crowned queen and king despite bare-breast shortage

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Shortly after 7 on Tuesday night, a woman made her way through the Iron Horse Brew Pub. She twirled a strand of shiny plastic beads through her fingers with one hand and held a pink concoction in the other.

She leaned over to her friend and said, "I am gonna throw up tonight. I just know it." Her friend nodded in agreement.

So began the Fourth Annual Fat Tuesday Pub Crawl, Missoula's take on the New Orleans-style Mardi Gras celebration.

Although Missoula is nearly 2,500 miles from New Orleans, people didn't neglect to mention the Big Easy as they donned masks and beads.

"Have you been in the men's bathroom yet? They really went for the Mardi Gras feel. There's like 2 inches of water in there," said University of Montana student Sam Trammell.

Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras, is the last day before Lent, a 40-day period of fasting and sacrifice in the Christian religion.

"A lot of Catholic girls are trying to get down before Lent," explained UM student Tanner Falcon, 21.

However, most of Missoula's Pub Crawlers didn't seem too concerned with the religious implications.

"I wish I understood it, but I

don't," said Hugh Healow, who was also celebrating his 23rd birthday. "Thanks to New Orleans, Fat Tuesday is a huge parade and tits."

Several people made references

to women removing their tops in exchange for beads. One reveler did not want to share his beads with his friend because "that's one less set of tits I get to see." An announcer at Hammer Jacks told

the crowd, "These ladies want beads real bad."

Despite the innuendo and expectations, the vast majority of the women attending the Pub Crawl remained fully clothed. Hammer Jacks and radio station 96.3 The Blaze hosted a Miss Bacardi contest. Participants were told that they did not have to remove their clothing, said Angel, an employee of The Blaze.

No one complained about women being pressured to expose themselves, Angel said. Only two of the seven contestants removed their tops.

"The only criticism we had was that there wasn't enough shirts taken off," Angel said.

UM student Ann Coble didn't feel pressured to participate in The Rhinoceros' wet T-shirt contest, she said.

"The opinion of my friends and I has been, 'Yay for sluts, as long as it's not us.' They definitely make the night," Coble said.

Jimmy Taylor, 52, co-emceed the Crawl and emphasized the importance of beads at the celebration. People know that ladies want beads and what they'll do to get them, he said. However, he stressed the importance of subtlety in his message.

"I think a couple words go a long way. I'm not gonna say, 'Take your fucking shirt off,'" Taylor said.

Early Wednesday morning at the Elks Club Ballroom, Taylor announced that the man and woman with the most beads would be crowned pub king and queen.

"Give skin to win," Taylor said coyly.

At 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, Pub Crawl organizers awarded Abe Abramson, 62, with a trip for two to New Orleans for next year's Mardi Gras.

As the crowd poured into the Elks Club from Stockman's Bar, they flooded the dance floor, dancing to music ranging from country to hip-hop to 80's pop music. At one table, three men snorted small spoonfuls of white powder and shouted "Scarface!"

With 107 strings of beads, Kelly McClane won the honor of Pub Crawl queen. Although she has exposed herself in the past, all of her beads this year were "legit," she said.

Taylor crowned Jordan Frost as this year's Pub Crawl king for his 52 strings of beads. Most of them came from his friends, Frost said.

McClane said she was very excited about being crowned Pub Crawl queen because to her, "Mardi Gras means New Year's!"



Ashley McKee/Montana Kaimin

UM junior Ashley Sears, left, and Megan Colip kiss a man dressed as a lady for Mardi Gras Tuesday night at the Rhino downtown. The Rhino was part of the Fourth-Annual Fat Tuesday Pub Crawl and featured a wet T-shirt contest. The Pub Crawl ended at the Elks Lodge for a 2 a.m. breakfast.



Ashley McKee/Montana Kaimin

UM junior Kristen Border gets her face painted Tuesday night at the Iron Horse Brew Pub. The Iron Horse Brew Pub, along with Al & Vic's Bar, were the first two bars to start the Missoula Pub Crawl.

Katrina video shows Bush warned about potential disaster

MARGARET EBRAHIM

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WASHINGTON (AP) - In dramatic and sometimes agonizing terms, federal disaster officials warned President Bush and his homeland security chief before Hurricane Katrina struck that the storm could breach levees, put lives at risk in New Orleans' Superdome and overwhelm rescuers, according to confidential video footage.

Bush didn't ask a single question during the final briefing before Katrina struck on Aug. 29, but he assured soon-to-be-battered state officials: "We are fully prepared."

The footage — along with seven days of transcripts of briefings obtained by The Associated Press — show in excruciating detail that while federal officials anticipated the tragedy that unfolded in New Orleans and elsewhere along the Gulf Coast, they were fatally slow to realize they had not mustered enough resources to deal with the unprecedented disaster.

Linked by secure video, Bush expressed a confidence on Aug. 28 that starkly contrasted with the dire warnings his disaster chief and numerous federal, state and local officials provided during the four days before the storm.

A top hurricane expert voiced "grave concerns" about the levees and then-Federal Emergency Management Agency chief Michael Brown told the president and Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff that he feared there weren't enough disaster teams to help evacuees at the Superdome.

"I'm concerned about ... their ability to respond to a catastrophe within a catastrophe," Brown told his bosses the afternoon before Katrina made landfall.

The White House and Homeland Security Department urged the public Wednesday not to read too much into the video footage.

"I hope people don't draw conclusions from the president getting a single briefing," presidential spokesman Trent Duffy said, citing a variety of orders and disaster declarations Bush signed before the storm made landfall. "He received multiple briefings from multiple officials, and he was completely engaged at all times."

Homeland Security spokesman Russ Knoke said his department would not release the full set of videotaped briefings, saying most transcripts from the sessions were provided to congressional investigators months ago.

"There's nothing new or insightful on these tapes," Knoke said. "We actively

participated in the lessons-learned review and we continue to participate in the Senate's review and are working with them on their recommendation."

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, a critic of the administration's Katrina response, had a different take after watching the footage Wednesday afternoon from an AP reporter's camera.

"I have kind a sinking feeling in my gut right now," Nagin said. "I was listening to what people were saying — they didn't know, so therefore it was an issue of a learning curve. You know, from this tape it looks like everybody was fully aware."

Some of the footage and transcripts from briefings Aug. 25-31 conflicts with the defenses that federal, state and local officials have made in trying to deflect blame and minimize the political fallout from the failed Katrina response:

— Homeland Security officials have said the "fog of war" blinded them early on to the magnitude of the disaster. But the video and transcripts show federal and local officials discussed threats clearly, reviewed long-made plans and understood Katrina would wreak devastation of historic proportions. "I'm sure it will be the top 10 or 15 when all is said and done," National Hurricane Center's Max Mayfield warned the day Katrina lashed the Gulf Coast.

"I don't buy the 'fog of war' defense," Brown told the AP in an interview Wednesday. "It was a fog of bureaucracy."

— Bush declared four days after the storm, "I don't think anybody anticipated the breach of the levees" that gushed dead-ly flood waters into New Orleans. He later clarified, saying officials believed, wrongly, after the storm passed that the levees had survived. But the transcripts and video show there was plenty of talk about that possibility even before the storm — and Bush was worried too.

White House deputy chief of staff Joe Hagin, Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco and Brown discussed fears of a levee breach the day the storm hit.

"I talked to the president twice today, once in Crawford and then again on Air Force One," Brown said. "He's obviously watching the television a lot, and he had some questions about the Dome, he's asking questions about reports of breaches."

— Louisiana officials angrily blamed the federal government for not being prepared but the transcripts shows they were still praising FEMA as the storm roared toward the Gulf Coast and even two days afterward. "I think a lot of the planning FEMA

has done with us the past year has really paid off," Col. Jeff Smith, Louisiana's emergency preparedness deputy director, said during the Aug. 28 briefing.

It wasn't long before Smith and other state officials sounded overwhelmed.

"We appreciate everything that you all are doing for us, and all I would ask is that you realize that what's going on and the sense of urgency needs to be ratcheted up," Smith said Aug. 30.

Mississippi begged for more attention in that same briefing.

"We know that there are tens or hundreds of thousands of people in Louisiana that need to be rescued, but we would just ask you, we desperately need to get our share of assets because we'll have people dying — not because of water coming up, but because we can't get them medical treatment in our affected counties," said a Mississippi state official whose name was not mentioned on the tape.

Video footage of the Aug. 28 briefing, the final one before Katrina struck, showed an intense Brown voicing concerns from the government's disaster operation center and imploring colleagues to do whatever was necessary to help victims.

"We're going to need everything that we can possibly muster, not only in this state and in the region, but the nation, to respond to this event," Brown warned. He called the storm "a bad one, a big one" and implored federal agencies to cut through red tape to help people, bending rules if necessary.

"Go ahead and do it," Brown said. "I'll figure out some way to justify it. ... Just let them yell at me."

Bush appeared from a narrow, windowless room at his vacation ranch in Texas, with his elbows on a table. Hagin was sitting alongside him. Neither asked questions in the Aug. 28 briefing.

"I want to assure the folks at the state level that we are fully prepared to not only help you during the storm, but we will move in whatever resources and assets we have at our disposal after the storm," the president said.

A relaxed Chertoff, sporting a polo shirt, weighed in from Washington at Homeland Security's operations center. He would later fly to Atlanta, outside of Katrina's reach, for a bird flu event.

One snippet captures a missed opportunity on Aug. 28 for the government to have dispatched active-duty military troops to the region to augment the National Guard.

Chertoff: "Are there any DOD assets that might be available? Have we reached out to

them?"

Brown: "We have DOD assets over here at EOC (emergency operations center). They are fully engaged. And we are having those discussions with them now."

Chertoff: "Good job."

In fact, active duty troops weren't dispatched until days after the storm. And many states' National Guards had yet to be deployed to the region despite offers of assistance, and it took days before the Pentagon deployed active-duty personnel to help overwhelmed Guardsmen.

The National Hurricane Center's Mayfield told the final briefing before Katrina struck that storm models predicted minimal flooding inside New Orleans during the hurricane but he expressed concerns that counterclockwise winds and storm surges afterward could cause the levees at Lake Pontchartrain to be overrun.

"I don't think any model can tell you with any confidence right now whether the levees will be topped or not but that is obviously a very, very grave concern," Mayfield told the briefing.

Other officials expressed concerns about the large number of New Orleans residents who had not evacuated.

"They're not taking patients out of hospitals, taking prisoners out of prisons and they're leaving hotels open in downtown New Orleans. So I'm very concerned about that," Brown said.

Despite the concerns, it ultimately took days for search and rescue teams to reach some hospitals and nursing homes.

Brown also told colleagues one of his top concerns was whether evacuees who went to the New Orleans Superdome — which became a symbol of the failed Katrina response — would be safe and have adequate medical care.

"The Superdome is about 12 feet below sea level.... I don't know whether the roof is designed to stand, withstand a Category Five hurricane," he said.

Brown also wanted to know whether there were enough federal medical teams in place to treat evacuees and the dead in the Superdome.

"Not to be (missing) kind of gross here," Brown interjected, "but I'm concerned" about the medical and mortuary resources "and their ability to respond to a catastrophe within a catastrophe."

Associated Press writers Ron Fournier and Lara Jakes Jordan contributed to this report.

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was a report presented by various university officials that showed Montana's universities lack the state funding enjoyed by universities in other states.

According to the study, UM students pay more for their education than students at similar universities across the nation, but stingy state funding puts UM's total funding of education far behind those same universities.

The study determined the median tuition, state funding and total funding among eight other public universities of similar size and degree offerings.

Compared to other universities

in the study, UM students pay slightly higher tuition but the state spends half as much on higher education as the states funding the other schools. That leaves UM students 30 percent fewer dollars funding their education.

The study concludes that remedying the problem will be daunting.

"There's simply not enough state funding to make any meaningful change in our positions,"

said Bill Muse, UM's executive director of planning.

However, Regent John Mercer said more state funding could be secured if the regents work to show Montanans what the universities gave them.

"I want people in this state to know that if you want a campus at Northern (in Havre), you're going to have to pay for it," he said. "I think they will."




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Dodge Ball:

An alternative to physics

PETE DELMOE
MONTANA KAIMIN

The University of Montana provides students with the opportunity to challenge themselves intellectually with classes such as Microbiology, Physics and Advanced Cellular Biology.

Then there's dodgeball. Sure, dodgeball might not be as mentally stimulating, but you don't get to throw things at people in those other classes.

Last fall dodgeball was offered to UM students as a one-credit Health and Human Performance course.

Instructor John Cuddy hadn't played dodgeball since gym class in high school, and that was the case for most of his students.

"We kind of learned the fundamentals together," Cuddy said. "We started out bad."

Soon some of the students began to improve, and a passion for the game was born. Cuddy and a few of the students got together in October and formed a dodgeball club that met outside of class on Thursdays and Sundays.

Club membership isn't difficult to attain.

"You just show up," said club player Ben Skeim. "It's open for anybody."

Skeim and about seven other dodgeball students from the fall are actually taking the class again this semester.

Junior Alex Petrusaitis is in his second semester of dodgeball and said he plans to continue in the class until he graduates.

"I figured college dodgeball would have all the best players in one class instead of kids who had to play," said Petrusaitis, a music education major.

Cuddy credits Petrusaitis with getting the club up and throwing. Petrusaitis put out about 80 fliers around campus last year trying to get people to come to the club.

The club only meets on Sundays now at Schreiber Gym, and the attendance has dropped off from last semester when about

30 kids showed up regularly. Now the number varies from 15 to 20, Cuddy said.

Petrusaitis and a few others on the club also petitioned ASUM for money to purchase balls, air pumps and bags. ASUM gave the club \$500 for the equipment.

ASUM president Brad Cederberg said the dodgeball club was definitely worth supporting.

"It's a really cool thing," said Cederberg, who is in the dodgeball class this semester. "Dodgeball is really fun. Cuddy is also a great advocate for the sport."

The club has also competed in two tournaments in Missoula, winning both of them.

One of the odd things about the class is that the actual game of dodgeball, as most people know it, is the game played the least.

Most of the time, the class plays a variation of the old-style game, such as "Yoda" Ball, Jailbreak, Four Corners, Capture the Flag and Every Man for Himself.

"We hardly ever play regular dodgeball," Cuddy said. "People have fun with the other games."

Cuddy likes the variations of original dodgeball because they are a change of pace and some of them allow for people to be playing most of the time.

"My goal is to play games where people don't stand on the sideline much," he said.

In "Yoda" Ball, for example, one player runs around with a different-colored ball trying to tag players in that have been put out. It allows for people to play for almost the entire game.

During the class, Cuddy is almost never seen without a smile on his face. The 24-year-old, who is getting his master's degree in exercise science, said he is lucky to be teaching such an entertaining class. He said sometimes it is difficult to just watch and not participate.

"I'll be able to watch for like two more classes, then I'll succumb and have to play," Cuddy said.

UM, ISU to play for right to host tourney

SARAH SWAN
MONTANA KAIMIN

It all comes down to this.

The University of Montana and Idaho State University basketball teams will square off tonight with the regular-season conference championship on the line. UM and ISU are currently tied for the first-place spot atop the Big Sky Conference; the winner of tonight's game will host the Big Sky tournament.

"We're looking at this weekend as a tough weekend," UM freshman forward Tamara Guardipee said. "We have to get this win in order for us to host here, so this weekend is a big deal for us."

Montana last met Idaho State at the beginning of February, and the Lady Griz put on a spectacular home-court display of shooting for their fans, defeating the Bengals 105-55.

"It would be nice to think that we could shoot like that again, but that probably won't happen," UM head coach Robin Selvig said. "We need to have a good game because they're a team that really can score. The game here was no indication of the kind of team that they are. It was one of those nights, so we know that they're going to play much better."

Since their humiliating loss

against Montana, Idaho State has gone on a five-game winning streak.

ISU has two of the league's biggest scorers in guard Andrea Lightfoot (18.4 points per game) and center Natalie Doma (17.8 points per game). Doma also leads ISU in rebounding, grabbing 8.2 rebounds per game.

"They're capable of scoring a ton of points," Selvig said. "They've got a great post scorer, a great perimeter scorer and a good supporting cast, so defense is really the key with them."

Selvig also mentioned that finding the Lady Griz "that have got the hot hands" would be another important aspect of the game.

The Lady Griz will have their hands full with the dominant Doma in the post position.

"We need to get some help to (Doma) because one-on-one she can score on anybody, so we hope to limit the number of times she gets the ball," UM freshman guard Mandy Morales said. "But the problem with their team is that they have a lot of other good scorers, so you have to be pretty honest on defense and try to guard everybody. But Doma - if anybody - is the key."

Guardipee feels confident about her matchup with Doma, mentioning that she feels they are both

pretty equal when it comes to strength and ability.

"I'm just going to have to read the offense, and if she's killing me and I'm playing behind her, then I'll switch to front where I'll have backside help. So hopefully that will work out," Guardipee said.

Even with the raised stakes for tonight's showdown, the Lady Griz, who are currently on a six-game winning streak, are remaining calmly collected.

"We're just going to have to go down there and be prepared," Morales said. "They're going to be up for the game, but we are too because it's for whoever gets to host. I think our team's up for this game, and I think we can get them."

Selvig said that his team will approach the game against Idaho State like they have with every other game.

"Every game's big," Selvig said. "All we can do is go play each game and try to be at our best, and that's what we'll try to do."

Selvig said he tries not to focus on the implications for tonight's game.

"I just congratulate the ladies for getting themselves into the position to be in the championship game," Selvig said. "I think we're looking forward to it."

Big Sky schools fail NCAA academic test

Three Big Sky Conference teams produced failing marks in the NCAA's new test to grade athletic academics.

Montana State, Portland State and Sacramento State could possibly lose scholarships because of the infractions.

The Sacramento Hornets were by far the hardest hit by the NCAA. SSU had academic violations in an NCAA-high six different sports and could reportedly lose up to 2.3 scholarships.

The Academic Performance Rate is the NCAA's new system of measuring academic excellence and uses a points system that calculates player grades and retention.

The APR was devised to give the NCAA an alternative to looking at graduation rates to gauge the accomplishments of student-athletes and their respective universities. The APR tends to be a more accurate and up-to-date system.

The lowest score a team can garner without penalty is 925 - the NCAA's equivalent to a 60 percent graduation rate.

This is the second year that the APR has been in existence but the first in which penalties have been levied.

Northern Colorado, which will join the conference next year, did not have any academic infractions.

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Two Griz make All-conference team

University of Montana senior guard Kevin Criswell was selected to the All-Conference team for a second time, the Big Sky Conference announced on Wednesday. Criswell is joined on the team by UM sophomore forward Andrew Strait, while senior guard Virgil Matthews picked up an honorable mention.

In the Big Sky, Strait and Criswell rank No. 2 and No. 3, respectively, in scoring for a Montana team that went 21-6 on the year and picked up the No. 2 seed for next week's conference tournament in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Strait was one of two unanimous picks on the team, which is voted on by the Big Sky's eight head coaches.

Eastern Washington's Rodney Stuckey was the other conference player to be unanimously selected to the Big Sky All-Conference team. Stuckey also became the first freshman in conference history to take home Big Sky MVP honors. Stuckey also won the conference Freshman of the Year award.

Montana State had a conference-high three players make the team.

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not putting education first,” student Eric Schultz said. “Where does the privatization end?”

Within a year of Durringer’s start at UM he and the administration signed off on an exclusive seven-year contract between Coke and UM in 2002, as he did during his time at two other universities, therefore successfully bringing 26 years of worth of exclusive contracts to three university campuses in full, according to the student group.

When UM was making the initial decision on signing the contract with Coke, Heather O’Loughlin, now Montana’s student regent and a law student at UM, wrote a resolution that ASUM passed recommending that UM not sign the deal with Coke, which the university did weeks later anyway.

The students who were against the contract in the first place have not forgotten this and urged ASUM to not forget their views and switch sides.

“The students voted you in right?” asked student Matt Beard. “Then please support the students’ views again.”

Student Hanna Richtner Ahlin said, “I don’t want Columbian workers to pay for my tuition with their lives.”

After almost an hour of public comment, ASUM spent over two hours discussing other student group funding issues on the agenda until the time came to discuss Pipinich’s resolution. Pipinich moved to postpone the discussion on the grounds that there was still information ASUM needed to look at

before making a decision on the issue.

Due to a 10 to 9 vote, the discussion of the proposed resolution was postponed, to the distress of many senators.

Senator Josh Buchman said, “When you (Pipinich) wrote this yourself and you claim you don’t have enough information, that is your responsibility and should be done on your own time.”

Senator Brent Epperson added, “I believe we should have discussed and voted on this tonight seeing that we have plenty of information and this topic has been debated for years.”

In other news ASUM approved requests for funding from the Women’s Betterside Rugby Club, Good Health Whole Food Group, UM Forensics, UM Corps of Cadets and the Missoula Footbag Alliance.

The Good Health Whole Food Group requested \$952.50 to bring Montana organic farmer Howard Lyman to speak at UM on March 15. Lyman played football at MSU, ran for the U.S. Senate in 1980 and lost and then became a lobbyist in Washington.

“The issue of health on campus is pretty huge,” senator Ross Prosperi said. “People aren’t taking responsibility for their own health into their own hands.”

Epperson said, “It’s important to educate students on an healthy diet and this speaker could open some eyes.”

In his early forties Lyman made the switch to being a vegetarian to try to avoid imminent health problems and has become a leading international speaker for sustainable organic diet and farming,

Lyman has appeared on Oprah, plans to have a documentary on PBS in the near future and will speak on his book about mad cow disease “Mad Cowboy” during his presentation, according to group representative John Fletcher.

The Missoula Footbag Alliance received their total request of \$575 to host their Third Annual Freestyle Jam Saturday, April 29. The last two years the event was hosted in the oval and drew a crowd near 300, but attendance seeks to be closer to 500 this year with the event being held in Caras Park, according to representative Evan Lovely.

“This year we’re trying to bring in and involve the larger Missoula community as well as students,” Lovely said.

The event will host a National Footbag Association tournament with contestants traveling from Seattle, Denver, Vancouver, Portland and Northern California to take part. Five-time footbag champion Peter Irish is being recruited for the event, which will host footbag, biking, skateboarding, slack-lining, dancers, martial arts and other freestyle activities as well as putting on workshops all day long to educate the audience on these activities.

“We would like to contribute some good things to the culture of Missoula,” Lovely said. “All the activities are about personal growth and not so much competition.”

ASUM president Brad Cederberg and vice president Leslie Venetz could not attend Wednesday night’s meeting because they were in Dillon for the Board of Regents Meeting.

NASA

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Legislative Auditor Scott Seacat reported to Sheila Sterns, the state commissioner of higher education, that the Legislative Audit Division was already conducting an audit of research and development at both UM and Montana State University. The audit, which the legislature requested to investigate intellectual property rights, will be expanded to examine both the space program and INSA.

The audit would not have looked at the space program had the recent questions not been raised, Seacat said.

UM President George Dennison said he expected the audit to look into the program regardless of the recent revelations.

Also, he said UM’s own investigation adequately looked into the NRCSP.

UM did not investigate INSA because it was a private business and not the responsibility of UM, he said. Rather, Dennison said the federal government was responsible because NASA approved the partnership.

Dennison could not specifically say when such an audit occurred, but he said he was sure it had.

“Federal agencies don’t just let things go,” he said.

Also at issue is whether or not UM should have sought permission from the Board of Regents before working with NASA, Stearns said.

Although a request for approval was submitted to the Board of Regents, it was withdrawn before the meeting.

If the program was meant to be permanent, it would be deemed a “center” and regent approval would be necessary, Stearns said. However, if the program was temporary, then UM could have proceeded without regent approval.

Dennison said the program was not permanent.

“There was no need for a center, so none was created, so none was ever talked about,” Dennison said.

Why UM requested board approval could not be determined because many of the people involved in the program no longer work for UM.

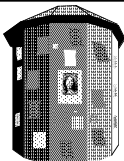
“A lot of people have left,” Dennison said. “The memory of why this happened when it happened wasn’t there.”

Stearns said the legislative audit findings should come out in June. Based on those findings, the regents will determine how to proceed, she said.

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